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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

In response to the Office action dated October 18, 2005,  
which:

- a. rejected Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite;
- b. rejected Claims 1 through 4, 10, 14, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Garvey ['083], Rhodes ['138], and Holmes ['168]; and
- c. rejected Claims 1, 5 through 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 18 through 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of Rhodes ['138], Gillette ['869], Berthiamue ['414], Paterson

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[ '437], Garvey [ '083], Magoffin [ '147], Davis [ '675], Gross  
[ '628], and Wagner [ '996];

please amend the above-identified application as follows:

1. Amendments to the Specification begin on the page of this paper captions as Amendments to the Specification.
- 5 2. Amendments to the Claims and listing therefor begin on the page of this paper captioned as Amendments to the Claims.
3. Amendments to the Drawings. There are no such amendments.
4. Remarks/Arguments begin on the page of this paper captioned as  
10 Remarks/Arguments.